

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of West Virginia

MAY - 8 2019

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U.S. District Court
Southern District of West Virginia

In the Matter of the Search of
(Briefly describe the property to be searched
or identify the person by name and address)

Geolocation information for AT&T cellular telephone
number (304) 210-2960

Case No. 2:19-mj-00044

APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property (identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):

See Attachment A.

located in the Southern District of West Virginia, there is now concealed (identify the person or describe the property to be seized):

See Attachment B.

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is (check one or more):

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
☐ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
☐ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

Code Section
21 U.S.C. 846

Offense Description
conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine

The application is based on these facts:

See attached Affidavit

- ☒ Continued on the attached sheet.
☐ Delayed notice of _____ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: _____) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

Applicant's signature

John R. Reese, Special Agent FBI

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date:

May 7, 2019

Judge's signature

City and state: Charleston, West Virginia

Dwane L. Tinsley, United States Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

ATTACHMENT A

Property to Be Searched

This warrant applies to records and information associated with the cellular telephone assigned telephone number 304-210-2960, ("the Account"), that are stored at premises controlled by AT&T Wireless ("the Provider"), headquartered at 11760 US Highway 1, Suite 600, North Palm Beach, Florida 33408.

ATTACHMENT B

Particular Things to be Seized

I. Information to be Disclosed by the Provider

To the extent that the information described in Attachment A is within the possession, custody, or control of the Provider, including any information that has been deleted but is still available to the Provider or that has been preserved pursuant to a request made under 18 U.S.C. § 2703(f), the Provider is required to disclose to the government the following information pertaining to the Account listed in Attachment A for the time period August 13, 2018 to September 15, 2018:

- a. Provide Call Detail Records (CDRs)/Mediation Reports for 304-210-2960, to include:
 - i. All subscriber information, including name, address, contact numbers, activation/deactivation dates, account number, social security number, and account features;
 - ii. Cell site locations and sectors for all outgoing and incoming voice, SMS, MMS, and Data transactions;
 - iii. All available historical precision location (NELOS) reports;
 - iv. All available Internet and Web Browsing History, to include history with and without location information.

II. Information to be Seized by the Government

All information described above in Section I that constitutes evidence and instrumentalities of violations of 21 U.S.C § 846 involving EDMONDS during the period. August 13, 2018 to September 15, 2018.

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT

I, John A. Reese, being duly sworn, hereby state as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

1. I have been employed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") since August 2014, and I am currently assigned to the Charleston, West Virginia Resident Agency of the Pittsburgh Division. I completed Special Agent training at the FBI training center in Quantico, Virginia in December of 2014. Since then I have been working daily as a Special Agent and have been involved in several long-term investigations, some of which include drug trafficking, public corruption, bank robbery, and criminal use of computers and the internet. As part of my duties with the FBI, I investigate violations of federal law, including drug trafficking offenses enumerated in Title 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846. I have been the affiant on search warrants, pen register/trap and trace applications, Title III wiretap affidavits, and have made multiple arrests related to drug trafficking. Prior to working for the FBI, I was employed as a police officer with the city of Jackson, Tennessee for five years. During my time as a police officer, I have had experience investigating drug crimes, assaults, rape, and various other violent crimes and felonies.

2. During my tenure with the FBI, I have participated in numerous drug investigations during the course of which I have (a) conducted physical and wire surveillance; (b) executed search warrants at locations where drugs, drug proceeds, and records of drug transactions have been found; (c) reviewed and analyzed numerous taped conversations and recordings of drug traffickers; (d) debriefed cooperating drug traffickers; (e) monitored wiretapped conversations of drug traffickers and reviewed line sheets prepared by wiretap monitors; and (f) conducted surveillance of individuals engaged in drug trafficking. Through my training, education, and experience, I have

1 as AT&T Wireless typically collect and retain information about their subscribers' use of the
2 wireless service, such as records about calls or other communications sent or received by a
3 particular phone and other transactional records, in their normal course of business. In my training
4 and experience, this information may constitute evidence of the crimes under investigation because
5 the information can be used to identify the SUBJECT PHONE's user or users, the specific location
6 information arising from use of the SUBJECT PHONE to make and receive calls and texts and
7 locations where the SUBJECT PHONE was used to access the internet.
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9 **III. FACTS IN SUPPORT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

10 9. On August 13, 2018, United States District Judge Irene C. Berger authorized the
11 FBI to intercept wire and electronic communications occurring over the SUBJECT TELEPHONE
12 utilized by AURELIUS EDMONDS. Between August 13, 2018 and September 1, 2018,
13 intercepted communications revealed that EDMONDS traveled to the area of Phoenix, Arizona to
14 pay approximately \$400,000 for a large shipment of methamphetamine and cocaine. Intercepted
15 phone calls during the course of the investigation showed this trip was part of a larger conspiracy
16 with others in the organization to supply methamphetamine and cocaine to Parkersburg, West
17 Virginia, as well as Dayton, Ohio.
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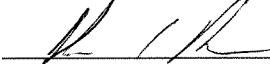
19 10. On September, 15, 2018, the shipment of methamphetamine and cocaine, which
20 was purchased by EDMONDS in Arizona, was seized in DAYTON, Ohio during a traffic stop.
21 EDMONDS and others involved in purchase and transport of the shipment were arrested while
22 arranging to receive the methamphetamine and cocaine. The intercepted shipment contained
23 approximately 121 pounds of methamphetamine and approximately 13.2 pounds of cocaine.
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25 14. Based on geolocation information gathered during the real time monitoring of the
26 SUBJECT TELEPHONE, it was apparent EDMONDS traveled to the area of Phoenix, Arizona to
27 make a the purchase of the aforementioned narcotics. However, the real time geolocation data was

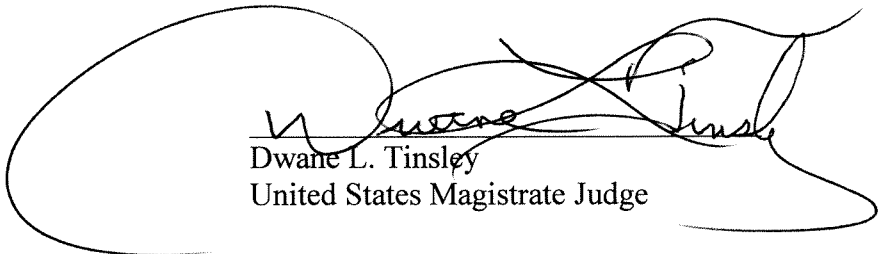
1 incomplete and did not reveal the same level of detail that my training and experience leads me to
2 believe would be maintained by AT&T's records. Service providers typically maintain call detail
3 records for a period of one year, which is within the date range of EDMONDS travel.

4 **CONCLUSION**

5 15. Based on the aforementioned factual information, I respectfully submit that there
6 is probable cause to believe that evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of violation of 21 U.S.C.
7 § 846 are maintained at the SUBJECT PREMISES described in Attachment A. I, therefore,
8 respectfully request that the attached warrant be issued authorizing the search and seizure of the
9 items listed in Attachment B.
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13 John A. Reese
14 Special Agent
FBI

15 Subscribed and sworn before me this 7th day of May, 2019

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18 Dwane L. Tinsley
19 United States Magistrate Judge
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